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BRUSSELS AND MONROVIA FOR FAA

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SUBJ : MICROWAVE LANDING SYSTEMS (MLS)

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1. PER REFTEL A, EMBOFF LEARNED FROM O. OGUNBIYI,
DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION AND A REP TO APRIL 1978 ICAO
MEETING, THAT NIGERIA SUPPORTS THE INTRODUCTION OF MLS.
HE FELBT THAT THEY ARE VERY USEFUL IN A BUSY AIRPORT. LIKE
OTHER LDC'S NIGERIA COULD NOT SUPPORT THE IMMEDIATE WITH-
DRAWAL OF INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEMS(IIS) SINCE THIS WAS
TOO EXPENSIVE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT U.S. SUPPORTED
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A PROTECTION DATE FOR ILS THROUGH THE 1990'S. COMMENT:
OGUNBIYI'S STAND ON PHASING OUT OF ILS PROBABLY STEMS FROM
FACT THAT IT IN MIDST OF MASSIVE AIRPORT EXPANSION PROGRAM
INCLUDING RECENTLY AWARDED MULTIMILLION DOLLAR CONTRACTS FOR
ILS SYSTEMS. END COMMENT.

2. OGUNBIYI STATED THAT HE HAS DEFINITE VIEWS ON RELATIVE

MERITS OF U.S. VERSUS U.K. VERSIONS OF MLS BUT THAT HE COULD NOT REVEAL THEM AT THIS TIME. HE STATED THAT HE SAW A MOVIE AT FAA WASHINGTON ON THE U.S.(TRSB) SYSTEM, BUT THAT THE MOVIE DID NOT SHOW THE BRUSSELS SIMULATION OF THE DEFECTS IN THE U.K. (DOPPLER) SYSTEM.

3. PER REFTEL B, OGUNBIYI STATED THAT NO ONE FROM NIGERIA COULD TRAVEL TO DAKAR OR NAIROBI TO SEE THE U.S. (TRSB) SYSTEM DEMONSTRATED. HE STATED THAT WE HAD "CHOSEN THE TWO EXTREMES" AND ASKED WHY WE COULD NOT HAVE THE DEMONSTRATION IN NIGERIA. HE STATED THAT HE IS SURE THAT THIS WOULD DRAW ALL THE SBURROUNDING COUNTRIES SUCH AS INFO ADDRESSEE POSTS.

4. EMBASSY LUKEWARM ABOUT OGUNBIYI SUGGESTION OF NIGERIA DEMONSTRATION. IF DEMONSTRATION WOULD INVOLVE GREAT DEAL OF COST AND PLANNING, IT NOT WORTHWHILE GIVEN SPUR OF MOMENT NATURE OF HIS SUGGESTION. ALSO, EMBASSY WOULD BE IN MIDST OF IG INSPECTION FEB. 7-24 AND PREPARATION FOR POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT SO OUR SUPPORT WOULD BE LIMITED. ON THE OTHER HAND, DEMONSTRATION COULD SERVE SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. NIGERIA CONTEMPLATING NEW SEVEN-AIRPORT EXPANSION PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS SUCH AS MLS. EASUM

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